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Attachments:

- A. The ports of Kronstadt and Leningrad during the period,
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1. The [ ] vessel reached Leningrad [ ] in the dark. There the [ ]  
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Kronstadt naval [ ] it was followed by a motor [ ].

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2. Observed in Kronstadt harbor [ ] were the following vessels:

2 cruisers - each carried one stack

1 large destroyer (this may have been a small cruiser) - carrying two  
stacks

It was impossible to identify these vessels because of darkness. As the  
vessel passed Kronstadt, homeward bound, [ ] it was noted  
that the three cruisers seen in the harbor two days before had left.  
However, the capital ship "October Revolution" was observed, and appeared  
to have steam up.

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3. The head of the security force in Leningrad was a woman. She was dressed  
in a blue uniform, and was described as "overflowing with authority."

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1. Approaching Leningrad

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The usual route was taken through the Gulf of Finland. The pilot boarded at Leningrad Lightship, without the usual two guards, though these were present when the ship left Leningrad. From the time the vessel reached the lightship until it had passed Kronstadt, it was followed by a motor launch.

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2. Controls

There were no changes in security control. Shore passes were issued those members of the crew who wanted them.

3. Naval Information - Kronstadt

The following naval vessels were observed in Kronstadt harbor:

The capital ship "October Revolution"

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A cruiser named "YANAEV". This vessel, tied to a buoy, was identified as belonging to the Kirov class. It had 2 turrets forward, each with 3 rifles, and one turret after with 3 rifles.

A cruiser of the Poltava class [redacted] vessel was equipped with 2 turrets 50X1-HUM forward and 2 aft; each turret had 2 rifles [redacted] caliber, it was estimated, of 6 or 7 inches.

One "howitzer ship". This vessel, of some age, was equipped with 4 turrets each with one heavy caliber rifle.

One cruiser of the Kirov class. This vessel had 2 stacks, 2 turrets forward and 1 aft, each equipped with three seven inch rifles, it was estimated.

One transport, with 3 stacks.

One auxiliary cruiser - type and tonnage unknown.

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Six destroyers. Three were of a modern design, and approximately 2000 tons each; two of an older type were undergoing repairs. [REDACTED]

Three submarines of the M71 type.

A number of jetties were observed in Kronstadt harbor to which were tied a total of eleven submarines. They were of the M71 type.

In a drydock to the east of the submarine jetties was observed the newly laid keel of a vessel under construction. This drydock was very long and narrow, [REDACTED] it was a new installation.

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#### 4. Leningrad

Nothing abnormal was observed in Leningrad. No more than the ordinary number of troops were seen in the town. There was no air activity. It was noted that the shipyards were operating at full capacity.

#### 5. Departing Leningrad

As the vessel passed Kronstadt naval base homeward bound, it was noted that the number of submarines moored to the jetties had been reduced to nine.

An unknown number of minesweepers were observed engaged in maneuvers not far from Kronstadt.

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1. Kronstadt Naval Base

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The following naval vessels were observed in Kronstadt harbor:

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Capital ship "October Revolution"

Capital ship - unidentified - this vessel was equipped with 4 gun turrets, each with 3 rifles, of a caliber estimated at 10 or 12 inches.

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Cruiser - this vessel had 2 turrets forward, each with two 6 inch rifles, and two turrets aft, each with 2 six inch rifles.

Cruiser - unidentified - this ship's armament included two turrets forward, each with three rifles, and one turret aft, with three rifles. It was estimated that the caliber of the guns was seven inches.

Cruiser - unidentified - this vessel was equipped with two turrets forward, and 1 turret aft. Each turret had three rifles of a caliber, it was estimated, of 8 inches.

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Four destroyers - these were unidentified. Two were of a modern design, and were probably the same observed in Kronstadt. The other two were of an older type, and appeared to be undergoing repairs.

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Transport - unidentified - this vessel had three stacks.

One auxiliary cruiser - unidentified.

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Eight submarines & these were observed in Kronstadt

They were of the M71 type.

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Tied to a buoy somewhat apart from other vessels in the harbor was a cruiser. It was not the same vessel tied up to this same buoy observed

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equipped with two turrets forward, each with 3 rifles, and two turrets aft, each with three rifles. It was engaged in target practise, when observed, and was firing single shots at one towed target approximately two nautical miles away.

When the [ ] vessel passed Kronstadt on its homeward journey, it was noted that the number of M71 type submarines in the harbor had been reduced to seven. 50X1-HUM

In place of the cruiser tied to the buoy was another cruiser. [ ] 50X1-HUM

[ ]  
its armament comprised two turrets forward, each with three 8 inch rifles, and two turrets aft, each with three 8 inch rifles. On each side of the ship were placed four gun turrets, each equipped with one 5 or 6 inch piece. Between the two stacks of the vessel were two more turrets on either side, with the same rifles. The vessel appeared dirty.

2. Miscellaneous Information [ ]

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Approximately twenty nautical miles west of Leningrad Lightship was observed a merchant vessel of some 4000 tons engaged in target practice. It was armed with two guns, one placed forward, the other aft. These were firing at a target to the northwest. It was impossible to make out the name of this vessel.

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1. Kronstadt

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The presence of all those vessels described [redacted] with the following changes:

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a) A total of 3 submarines was noted in Kronstadt harbor as the vessel passed on its way to Leningrad. On the return voyage a total of four were observed. All were of the M 71 type.

b) The crew of the cruiser tied to the buoy were engaged in drilling at the time [redacted]

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2. Leningrad

The shipyards at Leningrad appeared to be in full operation.

Those members of the crew who went ashore were picked up in special busses and taken to the Seamen's Club, where they were shown a number of films. The hostesses at the club, who, perhaps, had received instructions, seemed to wish to guide conversations onto controversial topics. They were extremely critical of the Marshall Plan, and deplored participation in it. [redacted]

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The following naval wessels were observed in Kronstadt harbor:

2 cruisers -

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their size to be between six and eight thousand tons. Each carried two gun turrets forward, and one aft, twelve six inch anti-aircraft guns, two range finders on the bridge, two radar antennae, and two stacks.

1 cruiser which was slightly smaller than the other two. This vessel carried the same armament, but had only one stack.

3 destroyers - these were of an old-fashioned type. They carried three gun turrets, each equipped with a single 4 inch gun, and a number of Oerlikon anti-aircraft guns.

2 submarines - unable to identify these craft but described them as small. They appeared to carry no snorkel devices .

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1 capital ship - the "October Revolution".

1 artillery ship - this carried three gun turrets, each equipped with two 10 or 12 inch guns.

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12 patrol vessels - these were small and carried one six pounder and anti-aircraft machine guns. They carried no torpedo tubes, and their lines indicated they were not built for speed.

6 patrol launches - these also were equipped with one six pounder.

## 2. Leningrad

Two large floating drydocks and one small floating drydock were observed in Leningrad harbor.

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The shipyards contained two destroyers

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No new cranes were observed in the harbor, nor any under construction.

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The normal route was followed through the Gulf of Finland. The pilot was taken on at Leningrad Lightship. He was accompanied by two armed soldiers. Until the vessel had passed Kronstadt naval base, it was followed by a naval craft of about the size of a motor launch. It was noted that officers on the launch kept the [ ] vessel under constant observation through binoculars. 50X1-HUM

## 2. Controls

Security controls appeared a little more strict than in the past, though they did not differ in any important respect. Those carrying on the inspection were civil.

## 3. Kronstadt Naval Base

Tied up to a buoy in the harbor was observed a cruiser. This was described as having 2 turrets on the foredeck, each with 3 rifles, 2 stacks, 3 smaller turrets between the stacks, and one turret on the afterdeck with 3 rifles. The afterdeck of this vessel was built lower than the foredeck, it was noted. The stern of this vessel was described as being of the straight, cut off type. The second time the [ ] vessel passed Kronstadt, another cruiser was tied up at this buoy. This was described as having 2 turrets on the foredeck, each with 2 rifles, one stack mid [ ] in the afterdeck, each with 2 rifles, and a heavy bridge stack [ ] as "II", Attachment 1). 50X1-HUM

A total of fourteen submarines were observed in the submarine docks ("I", Attachment 1). Ten of these, [ ] had just come into harbor, and four appeared to be about to leave. [ ] the [ ] Naval Calendar, [ ] identified all the submarines as belonging to the M71 class. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

In Kronstadt harbor ("III", Attachment 1) was observed the capital ship "October Revolution", and another capital ship of ancient design. This was described as having one stack, a turret on the foredeck, another midships,

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and a third on the afterdeck. Also observed was one cruiser, [redacted] and three destroyers, each with 2 stacks, also not identified.

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Two other vessels observed were the training ship "Komsomol'ts", and a transport, with 3 stacks.

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What might have been a drydock was also observed in Kronstadt. [redacted] it seemed too long and too narrow (IV, Attachment 1).

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#### 4. Naval Vessels and Maneuvers

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About fifteen to sixteen nautical miles west of Leningrad Lightship, [redacted] approximately 20 naval vessels were observed engaged in maneuvers.

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[redacted] 4 submarine chasers, 8 corvettes, and 8 MTB's or motor launches. It appeared as if the motor torpedo boats had been ordered to attack the larger vessels. Aircraft were also participating. These were twin-engined, had twin-rudders, [redacted] They were using tracer ammunition.

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Just before the [redacted] vessel reached the maneuver area, 6 submarines were observed. They did not appear to be moving. It is believed they were of the M71 type.

Between Helsinki Lightship and Kalbaadagrunnen Shoals was observed a cruiser engaged in target practise. One towed target was being used. This vessel was 3 to 4 nautical miles away. No direct hits were observed. This vessel was described as having a heavy bridge structure, a turret on the foredeck with 3 rifles, a single, low broad stack midships, and two turrets on the afterdeck, each with 3 rifles.

Two nautical miles due west of Leningrad Lightship were observed five large buoys. Tied up to one of these was a cruiser which was described to be exactly like the first cruiser observed in Kronstadt Harbor, tied up to a buoy (II, Attachment 1). This vessel had steam up.

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